



BAY AREA POLLUTION PREVENTION GROUP

A Committee of Bay Area Clean Water Agencies

Please join us for the next BAPPG meeting!

April 6, 2016

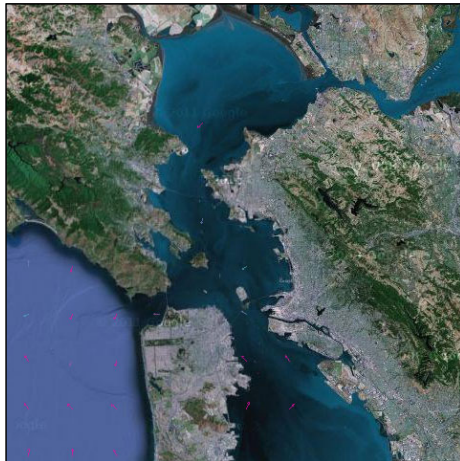
10 am – Noon

Regional Board Office*
1515 Clay Street, Room 2
Oakland, CA

Featuring presentations by:

Dr. Becky Sutton with SFEI on new wastewater pesticides monitoring data and the upcoming meeting on CEC monitoring in San Francisco Bay.

Dr. Kelly Moran and Stephanie Hughes on pesticide activities over the last year and opportunities for further impact with pesticide registration agencies.



Contributors

- Regional Monitoring Program for Water Quality in San Francisco Bay
- Bay Area wastewater community
- Arizona State University
- TDC Environmental
- California Department of Pesticide Regulation

Regional Monitoring Program for Water Quality in San Francisco Bay

Collect data,
communicate information
about water quality to
support management
decisions



California
San Francisco Bay Region
Protecting California's Water





Emerging Contaminants: Eyes on the Horizon

April 15th - Emerging Contaminants
Workgroup Meeting

June 29th - Microplastic
Strategy Workshop

Summer - Coordinate
Pharmaceutical
Monitoring



Rebecca Sutton, Ph.D.
RebeccaS@sfei.org

RMP CEC Strategy: Three Elements

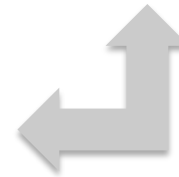
1. CEC monitoring,
evaluating risk



2. Sharing expertise,
learning from others



3. Non-targeted monitoring
(bioassays, broadscans)





**MODERATE
OR HIGH IMPACT**

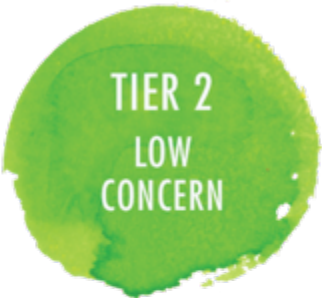
None currently



LOW IMPACT



PFOS
Fipronil
Nonylphenol
PBDEs



NO IMPACT



Imidacloprid ?

HBCD
Pyrethroids*
Pharmaceuticals
Personal Care Product Ingredients
PBDDs and PBDFs

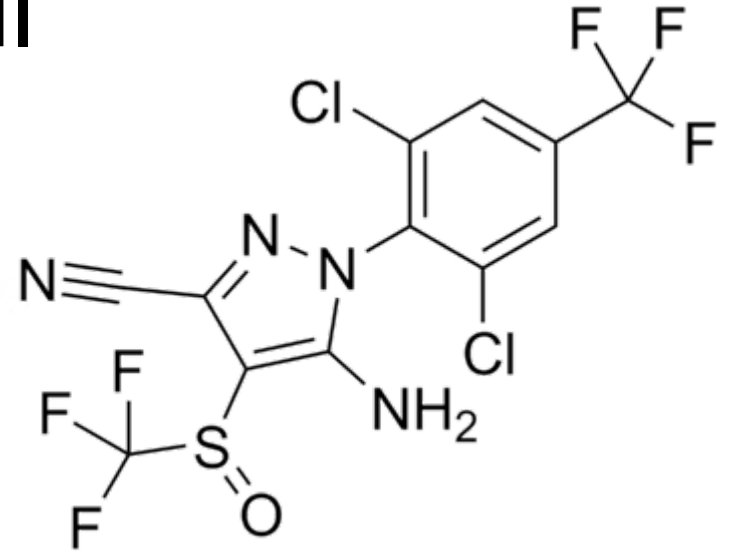


UNCLEAR

Alternative Flame Retardants
Fluorinated Chemicals
Pesticides, Plasticizers
Microplastic
Many others

TIER 3
MODERATE
CONCERN

Fipronil



TIER 3
MODERATE
CONCERN

Fipronil

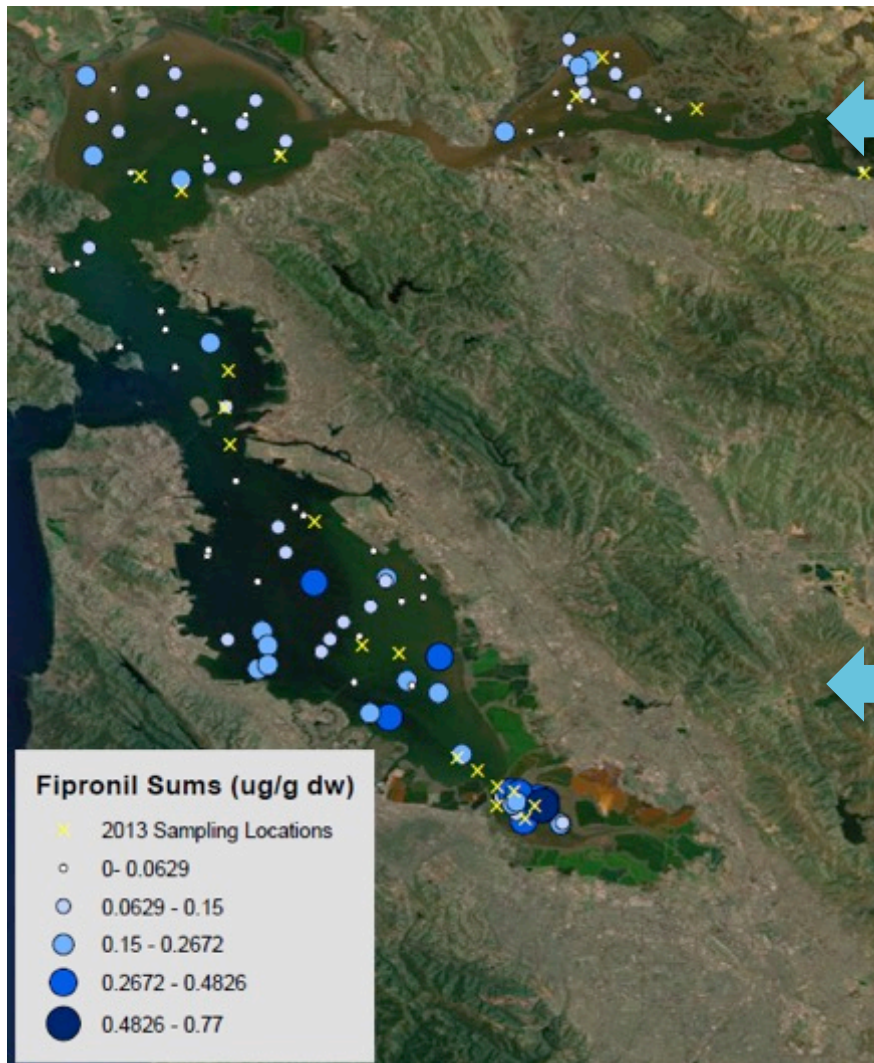
Pathways to Bay:

Stormwater

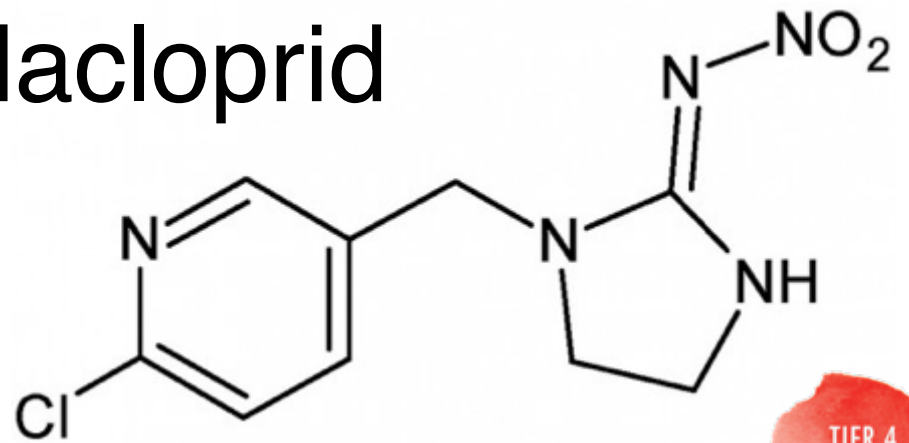
- Detected in **96%** of samples from 6 creeks
- **One-third** exceeded toxicity thresholds

Treated Wastewater

- Limited data suggest treatment has little effect
- RMP study



Imidacloprid



polystyrene insulation,
vinyl siding, adhesives, sealants,
textiles for outdoor use,
pressure-treated wood decking



?

TIER 4
HIGH CONCERN

TIER 3
MODERATE CONCERN

TIER 2
LOW CONCERN

TIER 1
POSSIBLE CONCERN

Wastewater as a pathway for urban pesticides?

24-hour composites
sludge/biosolids



Analyzing Influent Data

- Calculate per-capita influent load
 - Eliminates flow & population differences
 - Compare to discharge estimates
- Evaluate per-capita load variability (CV)
 - Continuous or episodic discharges?



These Data = Big News for EPA & DPR

- Neither agency has ever considered discharges from pet “spot-on” treatments!
- Timing is crucial!
- Best mitigation opportunity = EPA’s fipronil & imidacloprid reviews *this year*
- Big changes in whole approach to POTW discharges are possible if we get the word out to EPA & manufacturers




BAPPG is Being Proactive on These Issues

- Reviewing flea/tick alternatives to pet “spot treatments”
 - Chewables minimize pathway to POTWs/water bodies
 - Reviewing other possible impacts/concerns
 - Seeking to recommend an integrated approach for pet owners
- Developed factsheet for BACWA members
 - Seeking to engage wider wastewater community at this crucial time
 - Let’s review it together

BACWA's Work is Paying Off - DPR


- Hired wastewater experts
 - Dr. Jennifer Teerlink
 - Dr. Yina Xie
- Developing POTW discharge model
 - Soon: Use for registration decisions!
- Pet Washing Study
- Sewershed Study



CA Department of Pesticide Regulation
Environmental Monitoring Branch
Surface Water Protection Program
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Characterizing Indoor Pesticide Use Patterns and Mass Loading in a Wastewater Catchment


**Jennifer Teerlink, Robert Budd, April DaSilva, Yuzhou Luo, Dan Wang, and Yina Xie*



Abstract


The California Department of Pesticide Regulation, Surface Water Protection Program (SWPP) is investigating the use patterns and mass loading from indoor pesticide products to a typical wastewater sewershed. Pesticide concentrations of fipronil and pyrethroids have been reported in treated wastewater effluent at concentrations that exceed EPA Aquatic Life Benchmarks, posing potential risks to the surface waters to which they discharge. A source identification sampling study is being designed to better understand the relative mass contribution from residential, commercial, and institutional indoor pesticide use. Sampling will consist of twelve sampling sites within a sewershed catchment and paired weekday/weekend sampling events in spring, summer, and fall (6 events total). All samples will be taken as 24-hour flow weighted composites to allow for mass loading calculations. Resultant data will be used in conjunction with modeling efforts to better understand indoor pesticide products and uses that may require mitigation.

2016 Sewershed Sampling Sites




Residential

- Older Homes
- Newer Homes
- Sole Source Sewer



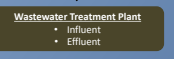
Commercial

- Pet Grooming
- Pest Control Operators
- Nursery
- Industrial Laundry



Institutional

- Hospital
- University
- Government



Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Influent
- Effluent

Introduction

There are limited data available detailing the fate and occurrence of pesticides during the wastewater treatment process. Available studies report concentrations of certain pesticides in effluent that exceed US EPA aquatic benchmarks (Table 1). A 1996 source identification study measuring organophosphates, which are no longer registered for indoor use, found mass loading of residential inputs exceeded commercial sources¹. There is a need to gather updated information on the sources and relative mass contribution of pesticides currently registered for uses that may result in introduction to wastewater catchments.

Table 1. Summary of pesticide concentration in treated wastewater effluent reported in literature

Pesticide	PWG Survey ²		Weston 2010 ³		Lowest EPA Benchmark ⁴	
	Average (ng/L)	DF	Max (ng/L)	DF	Max (ng/L)	DF
Bifenthrin	0.89	82	3.9	6.3	39	1.3
Cyfluthrin	0.60	60	4	1.7	6	7.4
λ-Cyhalothrin	0.30	48	1.6	5.5	17	2
Cypermethrin	2.11	81	13	17	6	69
Deltamethrin	0.31	16	1.2	2.7	11	4.1
Esfenvalerate	0.25	32	0.6	3.7	6	17
Fenpropathrin	0.22	3.2	0.8	0	0	6.4
Permethrin	20	65	170	17.2	33	14
Heidler 2009 ⁵						
Fipronil	30	-	70	-	-	11

Objectives

- 1) Identify and characterize the total mass loading of pesticides to wastewater treatment facility at intake.
- 2) Quantify mass loading at a sub-catchment scale representing specific pesticide use patterns (residential, commercial, institutional).

Analytical Methods

Samples will be analyzed using high resolution mass spectrometry with gas and liquid chromatography to allow simultaneous quantification of the target compounds and identification non-target analytes.

Target Analyses

- 20 Pyrethroids
- Fipronil + Degradates
- Imidacloprid
- Propoxur
- Pyriproxyfen

Non-Target Analyses

- Identification of pesticides or adjuvants not identified as priority
- Enables identification of major unexpected uses

Implications

- Provide information on mass loading of target pesticides to wastewater treatment.
- Identify non-target pesticides or adjuvants from unexpected uses that may require additional study.
- Construct a mass balance of specific use patterns at the sub-catchment and compare pesticide use patterns.
- Identify use patterns or active ingredients that may require mitigation.

References

¹Singharaman et al. (1998) Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos in the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Sewer System, Summer 1996, California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

²Harkins et al. (2014). Pyrethroid pesticides in municipal wastewater: A baseline survey of publicly owned treatment works facilities in California in 2013. Pyrethroid Working Group.

³Weston and Jolly (2010). Urban and Agricultural Sources of Pyrethroid Insecticides to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta of California. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/est.1186>

⁴<http://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/pesticide-benchmarks.html>

⁵Heidler and Halden (2009). Fate of organohalogen in US wastewater treatment plants and estimated chemical releases to soils nationwide from biosolids recycling. *J. of Env. Mon. 11(12): 2202-2215.*





Figure 1. Proposed sampling locations within wastewater sewershed.

Figure 1. Proposed sampling locations within wastewater sewershed.

Sampling Events

- Three sampling events: spring, summer, fall
- Paired weekday/weekend sampling events
- 24-hour flow-weighted composite samples to allow for mass loading calculations.

$$\text{Concentration} \left(\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} \right) * \text{flow} \left(\frac{\text{volume}}{\text{time}} \right) = \text{mass loading} \left(\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{time}} \right)$$



Corresponding author: jennifer.teerlink@dpr.ca.gov

UP3/CASQA Update

Stormwater 2016 Priorities

1. DPR pyrethroids special study

How can DPR improve its urban programs?

2. DPR fipronil mitigation

3. Imidacloprid



Photo: Les Greenberg, UCR



Photo: USGS



Photo: Alan Vernon



State Water Board Pesticides Plan

11/14 – SWRCB Urban Pesticides Workshop

Strategic Direction to prepare Pesticides Plan

1/16 – Stormwater Strategic Initiative

True Source Control element – Pesticides Plan

2/16 – Kickoff! Water Board Pesticides Plan

SWRCB – Region 2 – DPR - CASQA

Draft plan in 2016

Goal - adoption in 2017

Stormwater Only

What Pesticides Plan means for Permittees

SF Bay Area Permit is model

Primary Pesticides Solution = DPR + EPA

Anticipated permit requirements:

1. Outreach/education (OWOW etc.)
2. Limit municipal pesticide use (IPM)
3. Regulatory participation (UP3)
4. Conduct *useful* monitoring

Stormwater Only